

II. SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 1.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 24 through line 25 as rewritten below:

D) Figure 7d illustrates a third-sixth embodiment of the tunable capacitor in accordance with the invention,

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 16, lines 1 through 3 as rewritten below:

P2 In a preferred embodiment the gap 12 between the capacitor electrodes 8 and 11 is an air gap. The A ^{second} dielectric layer 7 is advantageously used as a sacrificial layer in creating the air gap 12.

Please delete page 18.